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The Honorable Stephanie O'Malley
Denver County Clerk & Recorder
3888 East Mexico Avenue
Denver, CO 80210-3813

RE: Request for Removal from the Election Watch List

Dear Clerk O'Malley:

I am in receipt of the letter from you requesting removal of Denver County from the Secretary of State's Election Watch List. In response to this request, my office conducted an onsite visit and requested submission of documentation demonstrating remediation of the previously identified deficiencies.

On March 12, 2007, you were notified of Denver County's placement on the Election Watch List. The deficiencies described in the notification involved excessive wait times for voters during the November 7, 2006 General Election, based on a failure of the electronic pollbook.

During the course of 2007 and thus far in 2008, you have consistently provided this office with updates to changes to your election process. Furthermore, Department of State staff visited your county several times during 2008 and documented the progress made by you and your staff.

Prior to this visit you provided documentation detailing the following:

- A new voting model to include precinct based voting, paper ballots, and the use of the SCORE system and paper pollbook.
- Increased staff and pollworker training prior to the election.

Based upon the observations of Department of State staff as well as the documentation provided by Denver County, I am pleased and impressed with the work of you and your staff. I find that all deficiencies have been remedied and hereby remove Denver County from the Election Watch List.

The voters of your county should have the upmost respect for you and confidence in the elections held in your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Coffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Coffman" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Coffman
Secretary of State